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1. The Ministry of Railroads of the Chinese Communist government has initiated a project to construct a railroad between Paot'ou (110-03, 40-36), Suiyuan, and Yin Ch'uan (109- , 36-), Shensi, to be known as the Pao-Ning (7, 3) Railroad.*
2. On 24 June 1950 survey parties were sent out from Paot'ou and Yin Ch'uan for the purpose of surveying the intervening route. The survey is to be completed in October 1950, and the roadbed is scheduled to be ready by April 1951.
3. According to a Chinese railway official, the construction of this railroad was suggested by Soviet advisers on the grounds of military needs. After its completion, the railroad will be extended from Yin Ch'uan to Lanchow to connect with the Lunghai Railroad and the projected Kansu-Sinkiang railroad** in order to increase rail facilities between Manchuria and the Northwest.***

* [] Comment. The proposed name for this railroad indicates that the probable southern terminus is Ningsia rather than the river indicated in the report. [] reported a projected railway from Paot'ou to Ningsia to Lanchow. If this is the case, Ningsia should be read in place of Yin Ch'uan throughout the report.

*** [] Comment. The Chinese Communist Ministry of Railroads issued on 28 January 1950 a "Nation-wide Railway Plan for 1950" in which the third item dealt with the construction of new lines. Only two lines, the T'ien-shui-Lanchow line and the Shach'eng-Pengt'ai (116-17, 39-51) line were mentioned. No mention was made of the Pao-Ning Railroad now under survey.

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